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SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" May I know, Sir, for how many years this has been first in the priority list and may I know when the Government propose to avert the water-scarcity and when do they propose to combat diseases like elephantiasis? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The water-supply and drainage committee has given it the first place, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" My question has not been answered. May I know when the scheme was first thought of? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" 1947, Sir."

Language editions of " Madras Information ".

* 1201 *Q.*—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the publications of language editions of ' Madras Information ' are going to be stopped from March 31st of this year; and

(*b*) the number of persons who may be retrenched as a result of this?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The publication of the language editions of the Madras Information was stopped partly as a measure of economy and partly because the English edition itself was to be published in a smaller form for consumption outside the State, publicity for Government's policies and activities inside the State being provided for adequately by the English and language newspapers.

" (*b*) The following posts intended exclusively for the publication of the language editions of the journal have been retrenched from 1st July 1953 :—

4 Language journalists.

1 Editor, Dakhini Hind.

1 Assistant Editor, Dakhini Hind.

2 Lower Division clerks."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" Is it not a fact that a Cabinet Sub-Committee recommended the abolition of the post of Director of Information and Publicity and is it also not a fact that in spite of this recommendation, the Hon. Chief Minister had confirmed this post on the eve of partition? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."